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Letter No.: 96-45

TO: All County Welfare Directors

All County Administrative Officers

All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

CONFIDENTIALITY OF STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE (SDI) VERIFICATION REPORTS FOR TINOCO

Ref.: All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) No. 96-31

Counties will recall that, as part of the implementation of Phase II of the <u>Tinoco</u> lawsuit (see ACWDL 96-31), the Employment Development Department (EDD) will be providing SDI Verification Reports to counties in response to county requests. EDD has requested that the Department of Health Services inform counties that these reports, and all the information therein, is strictly confidential. In addition, the usual Medi-Cal confidentiality rules apply. Only persons authorized under Medi-Cal rules and regulations may access, or otherwise obtain information from, these SDI Verification Reports. The penalties for violating the confidentiality restrictions include discipline and termination of employment.

Please direct questions regarding this ACWDL to Dave Rappolee of my staff at (916) 657-0163.

Sincerely,

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